

May 9, 1969

MEMO TO MR. KISSINGER

FROM: Bob Houdek

The memorandum to Mr. Haldeman at Tab B has been retyped to incorporate your editing. You signed the letter at Tab A and it has been dispatched.

Recommendation: Sign the memorandum at Tab B.

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May 7, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: Larry Lynn

To implement the information handling, display and communications improvements which the President approved on April 29, the following actions are needed right away:

1. The Director of Defense Research and Engineering should be requested to have ARPA contract with the RAND Corporation for the study of substantive information needs. I recommend you sign the memorandum at Tab A for this purpose.
2. Charles Joyce has done most of the ground work on this project so far and we will need his services on a full time basis to define the requirements in detail, coordinate the work of DCA, RAND and other support efforts which may become involved, to integrate our efforts with those of the Executive Agencies, and to handle related command, control and communications issues within the NSC staff. I recommend you sign the memorandum at Tab B to Mr. Haldeman asking him to arrange with Secretary Laird for Mr. Joyce to be detailed to our staff.

The Defense Communications Agency is now actively engaged in implementation planning for this project and we are jointly preparing detailed task descriptions, work assignments and completion schedules.

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May 8, 1969

Dear Johnny:

The President has approved a research task which we would like to initiate immediately. This is a study of information support to the NSC which RAND is prepared to undertake.

I would be very grateful if ARPA would fund this study for the first six months. This would involve eighteen man months of effort and would require \$75,000 of FY 69 funds. We are trying to make other arrangements for continuing our studies with FY 70 funds.

Your assistance in initiating our research program is greatly appreciated. Charles Joyce is the point of contact for this study should you or your staff desire further information.

Best regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

The Honorable John S. Foster, Jr.
Director of Defense Research and Engineering
3E1006, The Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20301

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FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

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